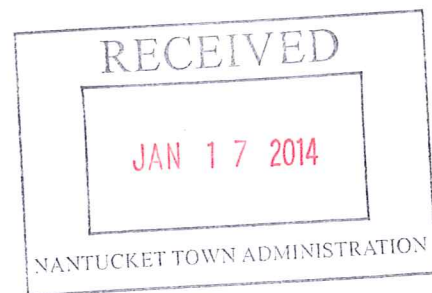


Nantucket Town Manager
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Enclosed copy of a letter sent to The Inquirer and Mirror on Dec 16/2013 which did not see the light of day.

Sincerely

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The Inquirer & Mirror
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On a letter to the I & M published on Dec 5th Ms Dorothy Vollans wrote some positive comments about my letter of Nov 28th; I do appreciate her reading my letter and more so for taking the time to write her comments. Since these letters were published, a lot has happened regarding the Sconset bluff preservation plan; more meetings, some called at the 11th Hour and decisions made with the 'emergency gun' pointed at the commissioners' heads ready to go off if the decisions were not made on the spot..

Trying to summarize and make sense of this issue is quite challenging, due to the endless legalese along with changes, diversions and proposals popping up constantly.

The way things stand at the time of this writing there is a possibility something could start being built in a short time; designs for two plans have been approved, but still not a definitive go ahead. The project could be 900 or 1500 feet or who knows, depending on the outcome of meetings the week of Dec. 16th

Due to the defeat of Katherine Stover's article in the last Town meeting; the voters have been denied the opportunity to have any input on this project; all decisions have remained in the hands of the BOS and as we know from recent history they are not infallible.

A project some of us thought would be a temporary emergency to be removed in a few years after the new Baxter Rd was completed has metamorphosized into a permanent one intended to protect the waterfront houses; this as we know must be maintained on a permanent basis; meaning dumping sand on the site forever.

To this day even though nourishment is the heart of any of these proposals there has been hardly any discussion as to how the sand needed will be delivered to the bluff. The approved 900' project calls for 19,800 cubic yards of sand to be delivered annually in April; for that to be accomplished it would require approximately a truck delivery every 4.25 minutes, eight hours a day for four weeks; we must not forget the empty trucks must go back to pick up the next load creating a constant flow of trucks both ways; all this for a 900' wall, let's not even think about a 1,500 or 4,000' wall.

Nantucket's battle cry whatever the issue, from deer population to wind turbines is always 'Property Values' it doesn't take a genius to figure out what a Milestone Rd taken over by convoys of dump trucks would do to the value of properties in Sconset, Tom Nevers and all properties along the road.

Were this madness allowed to proceed, we could imagine future generations tired of dumping sand in the ocean, wondering what could have Nantucketers been smoking in 2013 that even with the sample of Sankaty light house in front of their faces couldn't see that the best way to protect some houses was to move them to safe ground and let mother nature do her thing. For our sake let's spare them the grief.



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